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## SU student and alum win wedding contest

Poem determines winning couple

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A wedding commenced Friday, Jan. 28 at Top of the Town in Arlington, Va. However, the planning started just six days prior to the wedding date.

Salisbury University alum Alex Williams, 23, of Arlington, and current SU student, Megan (White) Williams, 23, of Waldorf, Md., won MIX 107.3's "My Wedding in a Week" contest. The couple was told they won live over the phone by the Jack Diamond Morning Show on Jan. 21 at 9 a.m. When they found out, the couple was surrounded by friends at Wisp Resort in McHenry, Md.

"He put a ring on it last month, and all of a sudden it's like, 'Oh my gosh, I'm getting married!'" Megan Williams said.

Alex and Megan got engaged on Dec. 14, 2010: their five-year anniversary.

Listeners as well as close friends and family of the couple spent the wedding week voting for items such as Megan's dress, the flowers and dinner menu.

"People are making sure we're getting what we want," Alex Williams said before the wedding.

About 15 businesses con-

tributed to the planning of "My Wedding in a Week." It has an estimated value of \$40,000.

While he was listening to MIX 107.3, Alex Williams said he heard the announcement for the contest. Unable to sleep one night, he said he decided to enter the contest on a whim and wrote a poem for his entry.

Megan Williams said that once she heard the poem Alex had entered, she started to wonder if they would win.

"I forgot about it completely until two weeks ago when we got the phone call that said we were in the top five," Alex Williams said.

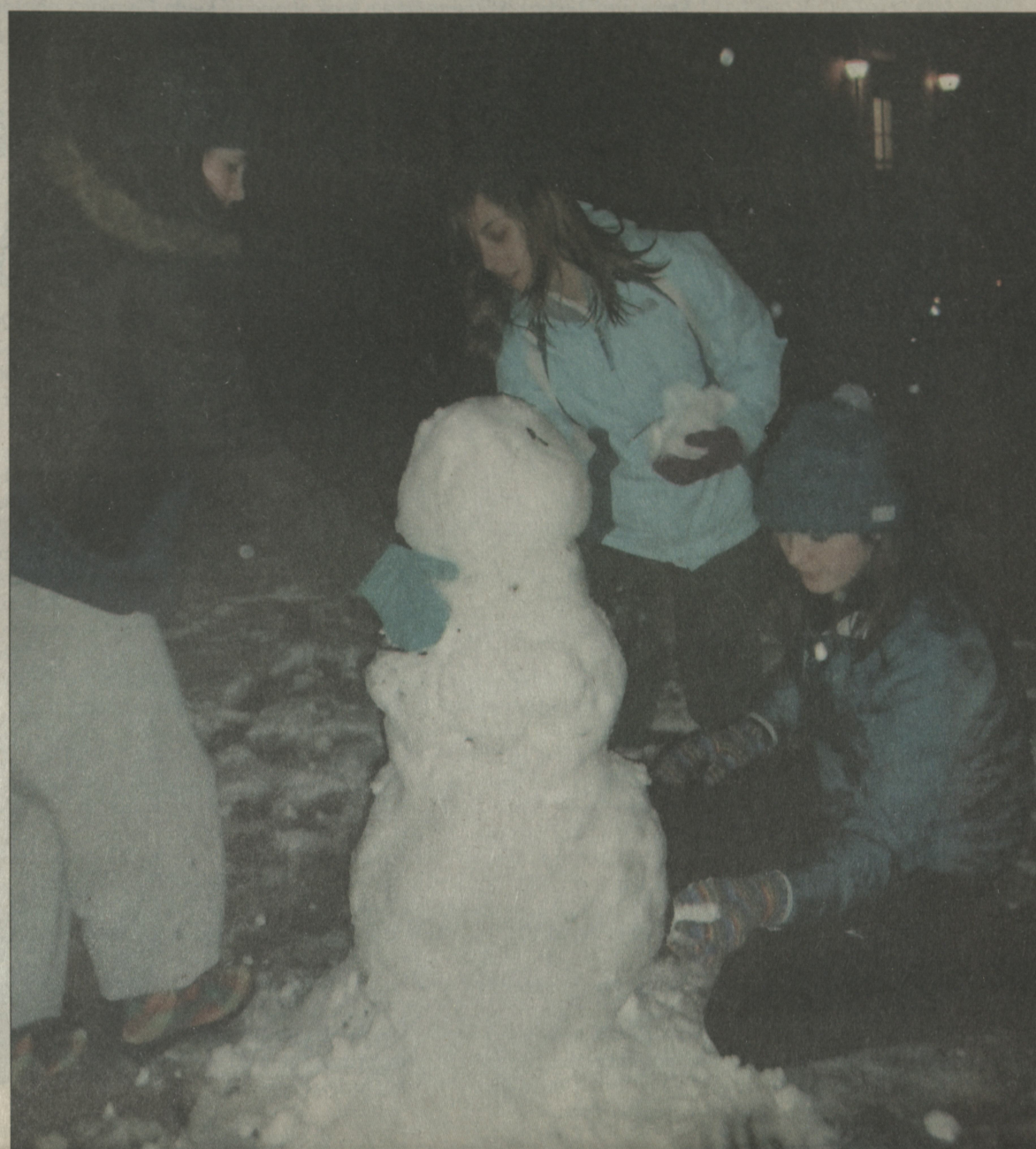
He said they were selected out of thousands of other couples by the radio station to be one of the five finalists based on that poem. After they were in the final five, Alex Williams said listeners and people who know them voted to determine the winner. They received 31,720 votes.

Ryan Chacon, the best man, said that he dropped everything he was doing during voting week to make sure they won. Chacon said Alex told him about the poem he submitted.

"I think Alex was by far the most creative," Chacon said.

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## Having a ball with snowfall



Vanessa Junkin photo

Freshmen Jody Putnam, Meagan Marziani and Lindsay McCoy work on building a snowman outside their residence hall — Pocomoke Hall — around midnight Wednesday night/Thursday morning.

## Obama speaks to nation for State of the Union

Out with the old, in with the new?

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Calling for all members of Congress to sit in a mixed session and rally behind him in turning around the economy, President Barack Obama requested that both Democrats and Republicans focus on bipartisanship and unity in the government. His primary focus was to revitalize the American spirit and promote job creation

through information and technology, education, advances in clean energy and government reform.

Dr. Adam Hoffman, director of PACE, highlighted Obama's appeal to each political party. For one, he said, Obama discussed "freezing annual domestic spending and malpractice reform, which appeals to Republicans."

Hoffman added, "For Democrats...he talked about ending tax cuts for the wealthy, and environmental issues...it was care-

fully calculated to appeal to members of both parties."

"The rules have changed," Obama said during the televised speech, referring to the globalism created by the Internet and the development of China's economy. "We need to out-innovate, out-educate and out-build the rest of the world."

On CNN en español, Damian Merlo, Executive Director for the PR firm OstosSola said, "Hope-

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Photo submitted by Justin King

Junior Justin King, left, makes his way into the cold air after leaving the cold water of the Chesapeake Bay during the Polar Bear Plunge on Jan. 28.

## Sea Gulls plunge into the Bay

King, Landon among Saturday's Polar Bear Plungers

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Every year during the last weekend in January, brave participants dive into the freezing waters at Sandy Point State Park in Anne Arundel County to raise money for the Special Olympics of Maryland. According to Plungemd.com, the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge raised an estimated \$3 million dollars, all contributed by around 12,000 plungers.

Two of these plungers currently attend Salisbury University. Both Justin King and JT Landon donated their time and effort to the plunge, while having an exciting experience.

King is a junior conflict and dispute resolution major. He said enjoys donating to the Special

Olympics, due to his experience with volunteering his time to children with special needs.

"I volunteer at a charity in Bethesda in Montgomery County called The Children's Inn at (the National Institutes of Health)," King said. "The Children's Inn is a non-profit charity that provides a place to live for children from all over the world with life-threatening illnesses. My mother is the Director of Volunteers at the Children's Inn, so I have been helping out there a lot with things like restocking linens and helping out with activities like arts and crafts; I enjoy doing things like this to help others who need it."

This was King's first year participating in the Plunge, and he made a bet with his father that he could go farther out than him. He said he enjoyed

this first-time experience.

"It was a lot of fun," King said. "I went out as far as the safety divers and gave one of them a high five. I got way farther than my dad so now I get to brag all year until the next plunge."

Landon, a freshman communication arts major, also said he enjoys contributing to the Special Olympics through the Plunge.

This year, he, his dad and his brother pooled over \$10,000 for the cause, he said in an e-mail.

"The Polar Bear Plunge means a lot to me," Landon said. "It's a chance to reach out and give back and give and show support to the Special Olympic athletes of Maryland."

For the past five years, he has participated in an event called the Super

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## Student Activities Fee to rise

After Fall 2009 increase of \$5, fee goes up to \$56 for Fall 2011

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Starting in the Fall 2011 semester, student activities fees will increase by \$1 per semester, or \$2 per academic year. Although it is an apparently paltry change, with over 8,000 students currently attending the growing Salisbury University campus, the collective change will add up to a substantial sum to be used toward school functions.

Currently, students pay \$55 per semester, and next semester, the fee will be \$56.

In Fall 2008, SGA voted to raise the student activities fee by \$5 — upping each semester's fee from \$50 to \$55 — so the campus would be able to have a student activities director, according to an

archive from The Flyer.

SU is evolving physically in the form of new buildings like Sea Gull Square and the new Franklin P. Perdue School of Business, and also boasted a large and more diverse incoming freshman class. Other programs are expanding and being created, such as the inauguration of the English Learning Institute and a campus wide effort toward "going green."

For some students, \$1 is a negligible change.

"It wouldn't bother me," said senior Stephanie Nhem. "I don't even know how much I pay now. I know it's probably a lot, so \$1 is not a big deal at all."

The \$1 hike in student activities fees is not the only increase to be found on some students' tuition bills. Governor Martin O'Malley proposed a 3 percent tuition

increase for in-state students after a four-year freeze.

Even so, the University was named one of Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine's Top 100 "Best Value Colleges" for the third consecutive year and The Princeton Review named SU among the Top 50 "Best Value" Public Colleges in the country.

"They don't already charge us enough?" said senior Adam Burns. "If they want to increase fees, why don't they show us exactly where our money is going?"

Nhem also said she is unsure of how the money is used.

"I should probably take more advantage of what the fees let me do or even figure out what they are," she said.

SGA Treasurer Joe Esposo-

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## Briefly Stated

**Wednesday, Feb. 2**  
**Hyperion Ensemble**  
 The Hyperion Ensemble, a chamber music group from Europe, comes to SU at 7 p.m. in Holloway Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 2. The ensemble specializes in works from High Baroque through the early 20th century. Admission is free and the public is invited. Tickets are not required. For information call 410-543-6271.

**Thursday, Feb. 3**  
**Iceland Interest Meeting**

There is an interest meeting for the 2011 International Field Studies Program in the Biological Sciences course in the biology of Icelandic animals (BIOL 399 - The Fishes and Other Fauna of Iceland) 4 p.m. in Henson Science Hall Room 223. No prerequisites; all majors welcome. The two-week course will be taught at Hólar University College in Iceland. Dining, accommodations and other details will be explained at the meeting. Those interested but unable to attend may e-mail Dr. Eugene Williams at ewilliams@salisbury.edu.

**Through Thursday, Feb. 3**  
**Safety Week**

SGA, University Police and the Student Affairs Wellness Committee will host Safety Week events through Thursday, Feb. 3. The event on Tuesday, Feb. 1 is How Do I Protect Me?, hosted in the GUC Spirituality Room from 1:30-2:30 and 7:30-8:30. SU Police Officer Howell will discuss RAD self-defense program. Wednesday, Feb. 2's event is Have You Left Your Drink Lately?, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Link of Nations, and on Thursday, Feb. 3, the week will conclude with Travel Safe Day in the GUC Fireside Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Vanessa Junkin photo

Steve and Andrea Williams take a look at one of Kevin Fleming's photos during A Night With Kevin Fleming, a reception benefiting Public Radio Delmarva and the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, on Jan. 28.

## Crowd goes 'Wild' for Kevin Fleming photography

By Katie Franklin  
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Residents flocked to the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art to meet prominent nature photographer Kevin Fleming at a fundraising event for Public Radio Delmarva and the Ward Museum Friday night.

Many of Fleming's pictures were on display and up for sale at the event, along with his most recent book, "Wild Delmarva." There was also a book signing during the event.

Fleming's work spans 26 countries, including New Zealand and the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt. He said he worked as a photographer for National Geographic magazine for 10 years before he decided to return home to Delaware to share the beauty of its nature.

Fleming has published three books showcasing

his photos, two of which are "The Heart of America" and "Wild Delaware." His most recent and third book, "Wild Delmarva," was released in November. He also plans to begin working on another book, "Wild America." Fleming's inspiration for his photos is simply nature, he said.

He started his photography career in high school.

"My high school journalism class needed a photographer, and I volunteered," he said.

Fleming's vibrant photos garnered attention from many people. "They're fantastic," Walter Matern, said, a three-year volunteer for the Ward Museum. Mike Dunn of Public Radio Delmarva said the photography displayed at the event visually showed what Delmarva was all about.

The fundraising event was the kickoff of the

Ward Museum's 2011 program for nature photography, said Lora Bottinelli, executive director of the museum.

"Kevin is a very talented photographer," she said. Bottinelli said the museum aims to hold an annual art and nature photography competition and workshops in the future. The winner of the competition will have their piece displayed in

the museum for six months.

Both the Ward Museum and Public Radio Delmarva plan to use the proceeds as part of a general operating budget.

"This is a wonderful event, from the people to the music to the incredible photography," said Angela Byrd, membership director for Public Radio Delmarva.



Vanessa Junkin photo

SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and her husband, Joe Eshbach, pause for a picture at the exhibit's opening.

## Crime Beat

1/05/11  
 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

**Trespassing**  
 University Police arrested a subject for trespassing

1/10/11  
 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Theft**  
 Complainant reported theft of personal property from her unsecured office.

1/18/11  
 12:45 p.m.

**Theft (Off-Campus)**  
 University Police and Salisbury City Police recovered stolen property from an apartment in University Park.

1/18/11  
 3:30 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.

**Malicious Destruction of Property**  
 Complainant reported an acquaintance maliciously damaged her vehicle. Complainant does wish to pursue criminal charges at this time.

1/25/11  
 11:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Disturbance**  
 Complainant reported a student causing disturbance in Holloway Hall. The student was identified and the matter was forwarded to Student Affairs.

1/25/11  
 2:15 p.m.

**Theft**  
 Complainant reported a theft from the University Bookstore. The student was identified and criminal charges are pending.

1/25/11  
 5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

**Theft**  
 Complainant reported the theft of his personal belongings from Maggs Gym.

## Remembering Mary Diane Clarkson

Mrs. Diane was a lovely person. Her laugh made you laugh and honestly it was the best laugh ever. I liked that I had a manager that loved to smile and be happy just like me. She would say nice things and tell you that you are doing a good job and that is sometimes what you need to hear. She gave me a nickname, "Twinkletoes," that I'm gonna miss so much and it hurts to know that now I can only hear her say that in my heart. I miss you Mrs. Diane, and may you rest in peace. ~Akira J. Brown

This poem is for you:

You are missed in such a way our home is not the same

Our days are a different shade  
 It rains in patterns of grey  
 No life to amuse us, dancing our pain away  
 No sweet melody of humor, to laugh in such a way  
 Sincere devotion, memories that will never fade  
 Life stood still when you took ill  
 Our home is not the same  
 So we leave you in our hearts like you kept us in yours  
 In time it will heal not seeing you come in those doors  
 No words to keep us comfort  
 No warmth to feed at home  
 Cool Beans lost a mother  
 So this house is no longer a home

~Author unknown



Submitted photo  
 Mary Diane  
 "Mrs. Diane" Clarkson

March 2, 1946-  
 January 21, 2011

## Polar

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Bear Plunge, after he participated in the regular Polar Bear Plunge for a year.

"The Super Bear Plunge is when a group of about 25 to 35 people stay the night on the beach and plunge 24 times in 24 hours," Landon said. "I do this plunge because my aunt has an intellectual disability and I do it for her and the other Special Olympics athletes in Maryland and the world."

After the Plunge was over, Landon explained that the water was freezing, but the meaning behind the experience was much more than that.

"This is not just something I'm going to do this year and be done," Landon said. "I will be a part of this event and organization for the rest of my life."

## Fee

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ito said the funds will be used to improve existing programs and events and they will be added to a collective "pot" used for students.

"We plan on making all events better," Esposito said.

## African-American History Month events featured at SU

Salisbury University celebrates African-American History Month in February with a series of stage presentations and talks.

Dr. Christopher Whitt, SU alumnus and professor of political science and African studies at Augustana College, keynotes the series with his talk "Race, Wealth and Inequality in American Government and Politics: Rooted in Slavery and the Aftermath of the Civil War." He speaks at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Wicomico Room.

Events begin with the return of the drama Voices: Those Who Wore the Shoe 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center.

SU Dining Services hosts its annual Soul Food Dinner featuring the Bernard Sweetney Jazz Quartet 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in the Commons. Admission is \$10.67, \$6.48 for ages 6-12, free for children age 5 and under. "Soul Sounds," a free, live multimedia concert celebrating Gospel, Blues, Motown and R&B, is 7 p.m. that evening in the Wicomico Room.

Local historians Rudolph Stanley and Newell Quinton inaugurate the speakers' series with "The Families of San Domingo," recall-

ing those who lived in that Wicomico County community founded by free African-Americans in the early 1800s. Their talk is 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture in SU's East Campus Complex, 190 Wayne St.

The series culminates with the Nabb Research Center's panel discussion "Eastern Shore African-Americans in the Civil War" 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9. The talk features descendants of soldiers who joined the "U.S. Colored Troops" during the Civil War or the "Buffalo Soldiers" following it.

Other related events include a workshop on African-American Family History 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, April 2, in the Nabb Center Gallery. Call 410-543-6312 for reservations.

Sponsored by the offices of Multicultural Student Services and Diversity, and the Nabb Research Center, admission to all events is free unless otherwise noted. The public is invited. For more information call 410-548-4503 or visit the SU website at [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu).

## Address

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fully, unlike in the past, (Obama's address) isn't just an eloquent speech, which he can do very well, but that he also does what he says, which on many occasions he doesn't."

In a Skype interview, Merlo outlined examples of broken promises, such as not closing down the prison at Guantanamo Bay as promised on the President's first day in office, not removing the troops out of Iraq immediately, not extending the Bush-era tax cuts and not including a public option in his health care reform.

"It's understandable to say what he had to do, to win the election but now that he's President he has to realize that he's faced

with reality," Merlo said. "If you build some infrastructure through government spending, when those projects are done, the jobs are gone."

The president said he wants to freeze spending for five years; however, many Republicans would like to take Obama's 25 percent increase in government spending and lower it to pre-2008 levels.

"If you (cut spending) you will take a strong hit in the economy," said CNN commentator Pierce Morgan, referring to England's 0.5 percent decrease in gross domestic product after cutting government spending.

"I thought he made some good points, but what he said sounded a lot like what other presidents had said in the past," said junior William Contarino.

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## Welcome (back) to SU — bring your passport?

By "Dr. Janet"  
 University President

A warm welcome to new students and hello again to those returning! As we all settle into the spring semester, I want to know, did you bring your passport with you?

You don't have a passport yet? Apply for one today. You need it!

More than 200 SU students earned credits while studying abroad during the 2009-2010 academic year, and it looks like that number is growing. Why are so many of your classmates interested in international education? They know global competency is critical to succeeding as a professional in the 21st century economy and to thriving as an individual in our ever-shrinking global village.

It does not matter what your major is or what field you think you will pursue after graduation. Your ability to engage with the world outside the borders of the United States will affect your career and your life as an American more so than any generation of college graduates before you. When I studied in Mexico as

an undergraduate and later as a doctoral student, I was one of very few Americans to have such an opportunity. I can tell you, that learning experience was pivotal in my life and my career. Now it is your turn.

At SU, students have more opportunities to study abroad than ever before. The University offers some 15 mini-term programs ranging from one to five weeks in 12 different countries on five continents. This winter, for example, students were studying environmental spirituality in Japan, media in India and business in Argentina. This summer, you could explore health-care in China, classical guitar in Germany or ecology in the Brazilian Amazon. All of SU's mini-term programs are led by faculty and are easy to fit into any academic major.

I don't want concerns over finances to prevent students from studying abroad. I so believe in the importance of foreign study that I have created a scholarship fund for students who wish to study in any Spanish-speaking country of Latin America. Want more information? Contact the Center for International Educa-

tion at 410-334-3495.

In addition, the center has created four new Salisbury Abroad semester-long programs in Ecuador, China, Estonia and Spain that are open to students of any major. Tuition, room and board to study in these countries will cost the same as tuition, room and board in Salisbury. And you can take all of your financial aid with you.

Each Salisbury Abroad program provides the chance to work on at least one academic minor (or major) while abroad. Why not add a minor in Spanish or European, East Asian or Latin American Studies? If you plan early, you can finish it and stay on track to graduate in four years, regardless of your major.

Want to do an internship? Do it abroad. The Salisbury Abroad: Ecuador program provides opportunities for internships. SU alumnus Stephen Reilly '95 has also helped SU build an internship program in beautiful Florence, Italy.

All of SU's study abroad options are online at [www.salisbury.edu/international](http://www.salisbury.edu/international). Find a program that excites you and go. But first, get your passport!

## Wedding

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Before the wedding, he said he wished he had more time to prepare his speech, but he said he had a good amount of material. Chacon said he has made sure Alex is organized and has everything he needs.

"I see no reason why they don't deserve everything they're getting right now," Chacon said.

Alex Williams has two degrees from SU. He earned a B.A. in English in 2008 and an M.B.A. in 2010. Megan Williams currently attends SU's respiratory therapy program at the Universities at Shady Grove and is set to graduate this May.

Alex said later this year they will have a vow renewal in the Catholic Church, followed by a honeymoon in Jamaica, also part of the "My Wedding in a Week," giveaway.



Publications photo

Megan and Alex Williams were married Jan. 28 after winning a contest hosted by MIX 107.3.

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## Namaste...

### CMAT and education departments go abroad

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During the Winter 2011 semester, several students from the Salisbury University Communication Arts Department traveled abroad. The students traveled to Mumbai, India, and other locations. Education students also traveled there and spent days teaching children in Mumbai and Pune.

Dr. Andrew Sharma, a communication arts professor, grew up in Mumbai and was familiar with the city. This is the second year Sharma has taken students abroad, and he plans to make this trip once every two years.

"International education is something I believe in, and this also supports SU's mission," Sharma said. "My past connections with India made it a viable choice."

The senior communication arts students were from various tracks in the department. CMAT students included Mark Zacepilo and Brady Cohen (media production), Kristen Etzel (human communications), and Kierstin O'Guinn, Maggie Hughes, Evan Clifton and Alexis Howard (journalism/public relations). Chris Robeck, a communication arts student at the University of Maryland College Park, also traveled with the group. The students studied Hindi Bollywood films at St. Xavier's College and had the opportunity to take Hindi classes to learn the basics of the language.

Dr. Edward Robeck, an education professor, took two education students on the trip. Juniors Allison Bondarenko and Alli Trotter had the chance to teach children and spent four days in Pune teaching various lessons.

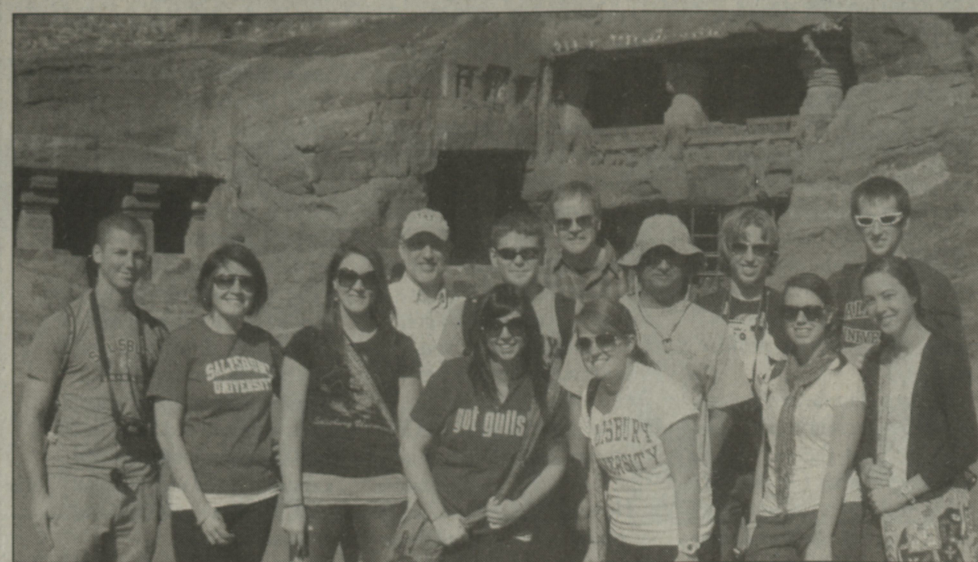
"I had always wanted to study abroad, but there aren't many short-term options for elementary education majors. The opportunity came and I took it," Trotter said.

The first weekend excursion was to Aurangabad. While there, they visited the Aganta and Ellora Caves.

The Aganta Caves are a world heritage site about 99 kilometers from the Aurangabad district. They were carved from second century B.C. to sixth century A.D.

The Ellora Caves are also a world heritage site and are about 18 miles northwest of Aurangabad. The caves are dated back 300 years.

"I learned that I knew almost nothing about India," Clifton said. "The history of their religions and people at the Ellora and Aganta caves were simply amazing. Realizing that their history is over 4,500 years old in comparison to our history in the U.S.



Submitted photo

Students who went on the India trip from the CMAT and education departments pose in front of the Ellora cave during the winter term.

that is only a couple hundred years, really puts their country into perspective."

The second weekend trip was to Goa in Southwest India. Goa, originally settled by the Portuguese, is located on the Arabian Sea.

"Our 'rustic' bungalows were awesome, and I've never been so happy without A/C," Clifton said.

While there, the students

had the opportunity to ride an elephant. Everyone took home their own special memories and views on their experiences.

"My best memory was visiting an after school program in Pune where I had the opportunity to just play with a bunch of kids," Trotter said.

"I remember their smiling faces so vividly because they reminded me that people are

people, regardless of whether you prefer chapati or French fries."

For more information on studying abroad, call the Center for International Education, 410-334-3495.

"Watching the students adapt to the host country is wonderful," Sharma said. "Since we do everything as a group, we become a very tight-knit family."

## Pi Lambda Phi works to raise awareness of prejudice through contest

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Salisbury's newest fraternity, Pi Lambda Phi, is partnering with other chapters and colonies to promote a video contest hosted by their philanthropy, The Elimination of Prejudice.

Pi Lambda Phi challenges students to help promote a better understanding between people and create long-lasting community change. The three-minute video should use unique means to show how religious freedom relates to society or the entrant's

life.

"I wanted to bring The Elimination of Prejudice video contest to Salisbury University because I wanted the message to reach out to the local community as well as all age groups," Kline said.

Phillip Spence, leadership consultant for Pi Lambda Phi, said all 40 chapters and colonies — 39 of which are in the U.S. and 1 of which is in Canada — are working to excite the community about this contest. While prejudice may not be commonly discussed, he said, it is not extinguished — making it a crucial issue to cover.

This is the first year for the contest, and one entry has already been submitted, Spence said. He said he enjoyed viewing that one and is looking forward to seeing other entries.

Founded at Yale University, Pi Lambda Phi has a strong emphasis on equality throughout a wide variety of people.

"I wanted to bring Pi Lambda Phi to SU because this fraternity is different from others," Kline said. Rather than brotherhood for four years, they stress brotherhood for a lifetime."

Dan Huff, a Pi Lambda Phi brother, also brought up the

brotherhood aspect of being part of the fraternity.

"I ended up joining Pi Lambda Phi because the 'gentleman' aspect is stressed and there is no discrimination between the brothers," Huff said.

Pi Lambda Phi fraternity also has a big stress on the principle of freedom. Part of the Pi Lambda Phi creed states "That no society of men can flourish unless members of that society are endowed with the opportunities and privileges of freedom."

Kline said that creativity and a serious plea to eliminate prejudice will do best in the contest. Any-

one is eligible to enter and the contest is open to individuals in the U.S. and Canada. The first ten qualified contestants will receive a Flip Video Camera, and the contest winner will receive a \$5,000 grand prize. The videos are due by 11:59 p.m. EST on March 3.

To submit videos, send entries to Shawn Upchurch, The Elimination of Prejudice, 177 Front Street, STE 102, Berea, OH 44017-1919 USA. For more information about The Elimination of Prejudice, or to make a financial contribution or video entry, visit <http://eliminateprejudice.org>.

## From the Photo Bank:

### What's Happening On Campus



Justin Odendhal photo

Students put their best foot forward on the ice for a celebration of winter, and the start of the new school year, during SOAP's Gulls on Ice event on Jan. 25 in the Dogwood parking lot.



Pat Hackley photo

Danny Flexner chats with Simone Nemes at Cookies and Conversation, hosted by Student Activities on Jan. 28.



Lura Herriman photo

Members of SU's Haidong Gumdo club have a little fun at their table during the spring semester's Student Activities Fair in the Wicomico Room on Jan. 26.



Pat Hackley photo

A representative of SR Productions works on a design of a student's name during SOAP's Name Painting event on Jan. 27 in the Fireside Lounge.

## Club Spotlight

### Multiracial Organization gives multiethnic students a voice

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The Multiracial Organization is designed to bring awareness to the many issues faced by people who are multiracial, and to provide a place for discussion and debate.

It was created by senior Christina Hymes as a place for people with multiethnic backgrounds to meet and discuss shared experiences and issues. The club began last spring semester and is open to all students of any racial background.

"My mother is biracial," said Asena Terry, vice president of the club. "A lot of people look at me and ask what I am. I like being a part of the club because we share similar experiences."

The goal for the Multiracial Organization is to start a national organization because there is no national group like this for people with multiracial backgrounds.

Besides having discussions and debates, the club offers its members activities to take part in such as "Guess My Race," a game played last semester in which pictures of celebrities are shown and members have to guess their racial backgrounds. The club has also volunteered to make flashcards for an elementary school.

"We can raise awareness of the complexity of race as opposed to the monoracial system," said club advisor Dr. Dennis Leoutsakas.

Last semester they went on a trip to Washington D.C. to visit the Holocaust museum.

"I love the club so much because the members have become so close and it is a really positive environment," Terry said. "It started out as Christina's idea and is growing so quickly."

On Saturday, Feb. 12, the Multiracial Organization and WXSU will be holding a dance in the Wicomico Room called VDay 4 Relay. In April, the club plans to hold Multiracial Week with different activities happening each night.

"We're going to have a movie night and we're playing the movie 'I'm Biracial Not Black Damn It!'" said Hymes, who serves as president. "There's going to be a poetry night, meet and greet, and we're going to try and to get people from other universities which will help with starting the national organization."

The club is also open to people who come from only one racial background in an effort to get different points of view during the discussions.

"It gives those with multiracial backgrounds and multiracial heritages a place to come and just be able to identify themselves not as one or the other but as many," said Leoutsakas.

The meeting time is yet to be decided, but interested students can contact Christina Hymes for more information.

## College Cravings

### Flavors of Italy Italian Grille

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Almost everyone loves Italian food. Pizza or pasta, you name it, we love it. I am constantly looking for the best Italian food in the area, and to my surprise I found it in a restaurant in Downtown Salisbury.

Located at 213 East Main Street, Flavors of Italy Italian Grille is absolutely the best Italian food in the city. Some friends and I decided to go there to check it out and we were very pleased with what we found.

The restaurant is divided into halves. One side includes a bar area and some tables, and the other side only tables, with a more intimate feel.

Upon walking inside you're greeted by very friendly staff and seated on whichever side you please, and in the summer time you have the option of sitting

outside.

The walls are covered with nostalgic pictures of movie stars, wine bottles and grapevines. Some would call the décor cheesy, but the rustic feel is homey and far better than sitting in a generic, white-walled, chain restaurant.

For an appetizer we ordered mozzarella cakes, expecting a small portion of the normal fried treat. What we got instead was a huge portion of three triangle shaped cakes. They were battered, fried and served with a zesty marinara sauce for dipping, and they were phenomenal. For four people, they were a perfect start to the meal. Entrées were next, and we were told that with every entrée comes a salad. All of the salad dressings at Flavors are made on site and are absolutely delicious. Garlic bread is also included with every meal, and is perfect for scooping up extra sauce with.

I ordered the Fettuccini Alfredo with the grilled chicken, and honestly it was the best I have ever had in my life. The portion size was huge — big enough for two people — and for around \$15, it was a great value. My serving came with tons of pasta, lots of tasty grilled chicken and a rich, creamy sauce.

I also tasted the lasagna, which was layered with melted cheese and thick tomato sauce, and served in a slice that was as big as the plate. For dessert I ordered a cannoli. The classic crispy shell was full of a sweet cream icing, and ranked high on my list of favorite desserts.

My group left stuffed, satisfied and wanting to visit again. With huge portion sizes and reasonable prices, Flavors of Italy Italian Grille makes the perfect place for a date night or just a great Italian meal.

## QUOTATION INSPIRATION

By Jonas M. Gottlieb  
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"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds." — Albert Einstein

Aspirations are the primary driving force within every single human being. They allow an individual to draw a mental blueprint containing the steps and actions necessary to become joyous and content. Inevitably, amidst all of the exerted efforts, there will be obstructions that call for avoidance.

These obstructions more often than not come in the human form.

In the world we inhabit, we have become accustomed to dealing with other people. We will all come in contact with others that may play the role of acquaintances, friends, confidants, loves and, sadly, enemies as well. I use the phrase "play the role" due to the unfortunate fact that things are not always what they seem. Others that you've determined you are not fond of or view as detrimental to your life could be termed "enemies" or "downers."

However, it is not a rarity to be involved with someone that seems contributive to your betterment, but truly isn't. Minor negative elements in a relationship can sometimes go unnoticed. In our already hectic daily lives, evaluating the qualities of the people around us can become just another mental burden we don't want to endure. However, it is imperative that this aspect be analyzed.

## Meet a Student: Paul Giarratano

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Meet Paul Giarratano, a senior at Salisbury University. Born in Port Jefferson, N.Y. and raised in Salisbury, Giarratano is currently an international business major with a marketing minor. When he's not working as an intern with Perdue AgriBusiness, Paul likes to sculpt his body at the gym, shark fish and go to the beach.

Recently The Flyer had a chance to talk with Paul; here is what he had to say...

**TF: Why did you decide to go to Salisbury University?**  
Paul Giarratano: I came to Salisbury because of the highly ranked international business program.

**TF: Who is your favorite professor at SU?**  
PG: Professor Brian Stiegler. He taught my Spanish 310 class. He always appreciated my jokes.

**TF: What is your favorite food to make?**  
PG: I like to grill. Especially grilling rib eye with asparagus in olive oil, garlic butter, and kosher salt.

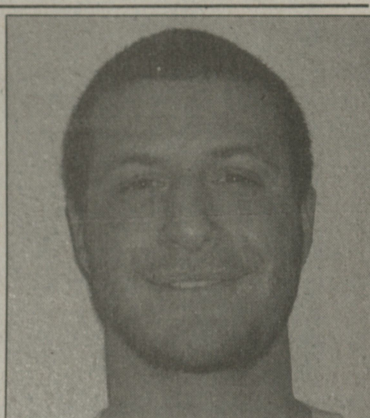
**TF: What is the last concert you went to?**  
PG: Metallica playing at Madison Square Garden in 2009. It was one of the best experiences of my life.

**TF: What do you do when you are**

Most would say it's a pessimistic idea to think we must always be aware of possible restrictions being imposed upon us by others. Truly, it is not a negative idea, rather a negative reality. This reality does not need to be all negative, though. Every successful person in this world will agree that whether covertly or overtly, intentional or not, others will doubt, question and restrict what you want for yourself. This is the gist of this week's quote. These people took the bad energy and altered it into motivation, which served as the fuel for their success.

College is what most would refer to as "the greatest years of my life." It's an opportunity to set goals in motion and determine what you intend to be. Once those two things are taken care of, tread the path relentlessly. College is also wonderful because you're able to meet a mass quantity of people from all different walks of life. With different walks of life, though, come people who do not want to walk quite as far as you to reach goals.

If you want to be great through your actions, surround yourself with optimism. There's no time for negative people or those who are a shade of gray. Shades of gray are agents of mediocrity. Once your goals are reached, you'll be able to look back and see who played a meaningless role and who played a significant one on your journey.



Paul Giarratano

bored?

PG: When I am bored I usually go to the gym or hang out with my girlfriend.

**TF: If you could be a star in any movie or show, who would you be?**  
PG: Robert De Niro's character in "Casino." It's my favorite movie. De Niro demands respect.

**TF: If you could have any profession, what would it be?**  
PG: I would love to be a dolphin trainer and get to hang out with in the warm sun and water, and ride the dolphins' backs.

**TF: Who is your role model?**  
PG: Al Pacino. He always stars in the best movies, and puts his best effort into everything he does.

**TF: What is a unique talent of yours?**  
PG: Waterskiing. I have been doing it since I was nine, and even broke my jaw waterskiing when I was 19.

**TF: What is your signature saying?**  
PG: "Daddy's home."

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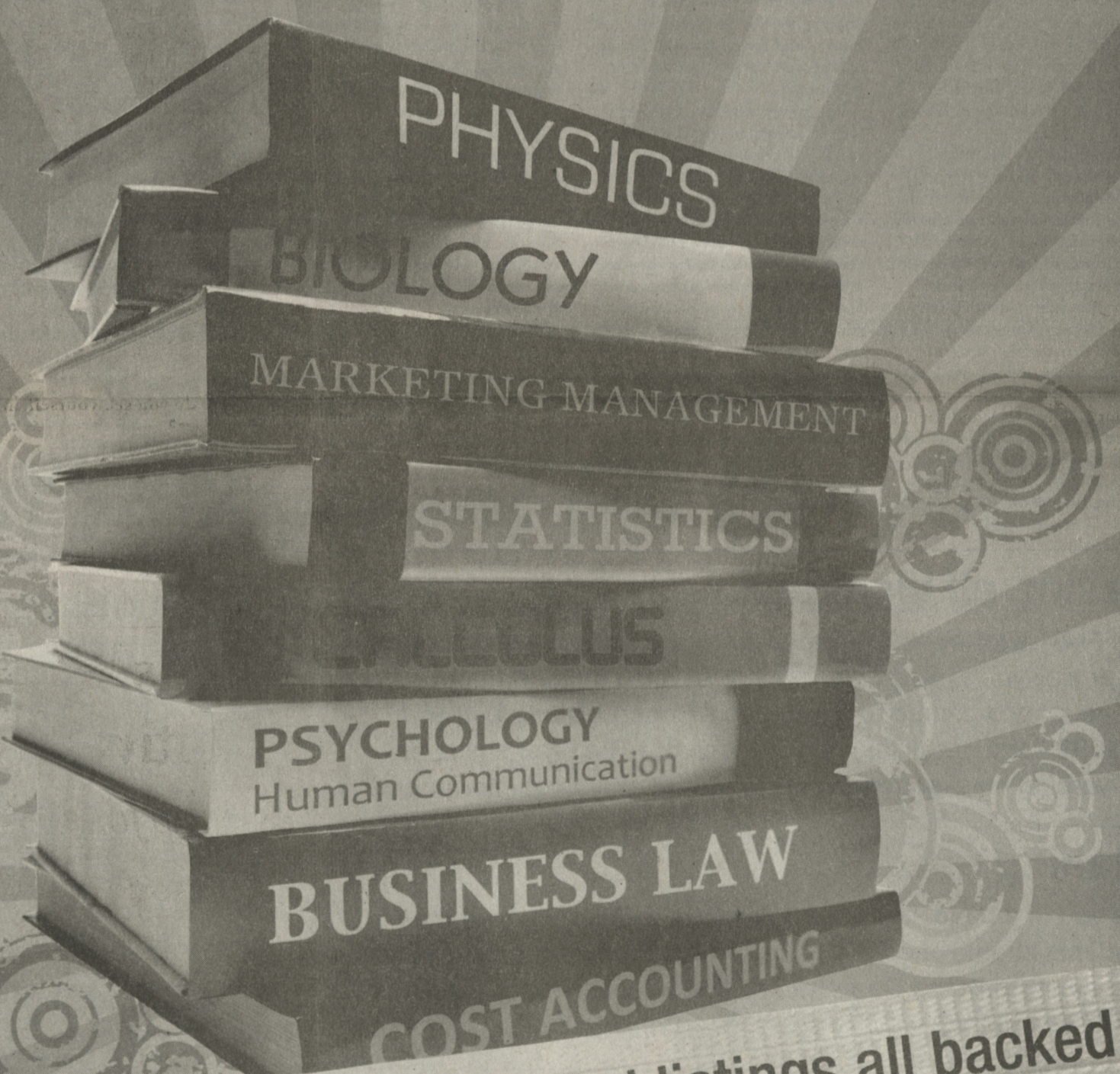
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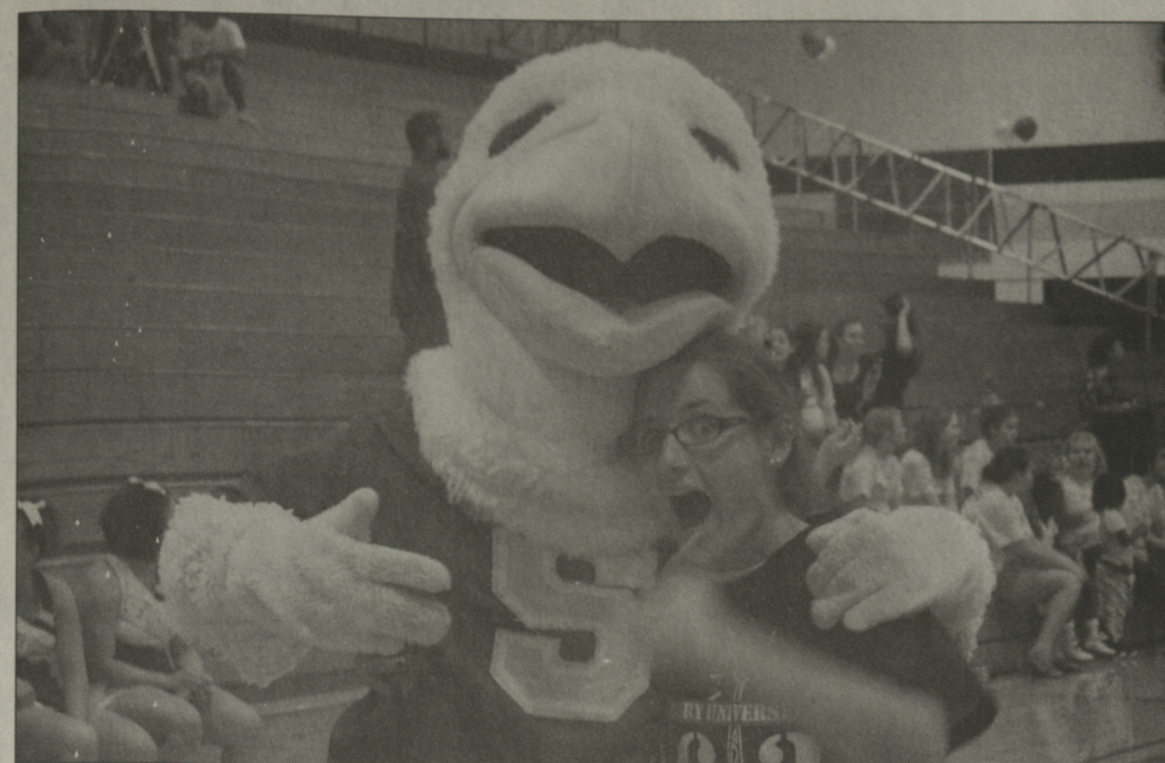
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# SPORTS

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File photo by Lura Herriman  
One way for students to show their Salisbury University spirit is to befriend mascot Sammy the Sea Gull. At the Homecoming 2010 pep rally, junior Kelsey Grant takes time for a photo with Sammy.

## Squawk like a Sea Gull

New group will rally Salisbury University spirit

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Following the 2009-2010 season, Salisbury University Athletics ranked as the ninth-best Division III program in the country by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

"We have skilled, hardworking, and talented athletes at Salisbury University," said Matthew McGinnis, Associate Athletic Director at SU. "Even though each team has a fan base, there is much room for improvement when it comes to our school spirit."

School spirit is vital for several reasons, according to McGinnis. He said it builds socialization, attendance, support, camaraderie, and perhaps most importantly, lasting memories.

"I remember when I attended Salisbury (University), and some of my finest memories happened at athletic events," McGinnis said. He said a collaborative effort is needed between the students and the administration.

More can be done, and there is "no doubt that school spirit could use an adjustment," McGinnis

said.

This spring semester, Salisbury Athletics and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee will implement a new club called the Squawk Squad.

The Squad's overall purpose is to promote school spirit at SU through a variety of outreach and activities. Promotion ideas include halftime events, minute-to-win-it contests, giveaways and the creation of student sections during athletic events. The SAAC will also institute a system where athletes who attend sporting events other than their own will receive points and rewards for their team.

"There is room for marketing, advertising and creative ways to generate school spirit, especially for smaller sports who lack attendance," said Liz Filgueiras, senior captain of the National Champion women's lacrosse team. "Students with creative marketing minds have a chance to help our school and I encourage them to do so."

The issue of game attendance might come from the fact that Salisbury has a large number of students living off-campus and students who commute from the surrounding areas. However, this

does not mean that it is impossible to generate more school spirit here at SU or improve the attendance at athletic events.

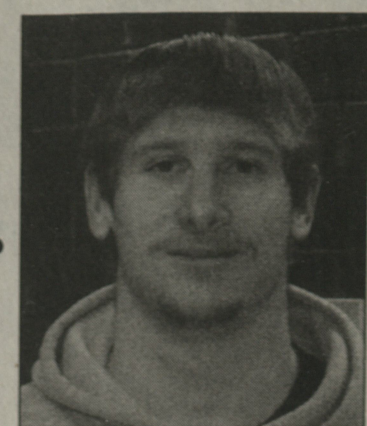
"I think some students aren't aware of smaller sporting events outside football and lacrosse because of a lack of advertising or word-of-mouth," said junior communication arts major Grace Capuzzo. "My friends at Penn State paint their entire face blue every time the Nittany Lions play, and it is almost taboo not to attend at least a few games."

SU sports enthusiasts and SAAC will meet in February to put together the final touches of the Squawk Squad. Any students interested in joining the club should keep their eyes open for emails, flyers around campus and social networking sites to get the latest information.

"School spirit brings everyone together," McGinnis said. "It makes Salisbury University an enjoyable atmosphere for the students, faculty, and the surrounding community. The best thing about school spirit is that it produces fun — something all college students love to have."

## Athlete Spotlight

### Joseph Wisda



Joseph Wisda

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Joseph Wisda, a Rockville, Md., native, is a junior swimmer at Salisbury University. Wisda attended Richard Montgomery High School and is double-majoring in biology and marine environmental science. A real force on Salisbury's swim team, Wisda recently swam a personal record time in the 100M Freestyle event at York College, clocking in at a blistering 49.15 seconds. The Flyer recently sat down with the humbled speedster to answer a few questions.

**How long have you been swimming?**  
"Since I was 5 years old."

**Did you start off swimming or was there another sport first?**  
"I started off swimming, but (I) also played all the typical sports like soccer, basketball, and baseball when I was younger. I also played volleyball in high school."

**What is something being on a swim team offers that other sports teams do not?**  
"It's a sport where you can do well individually and as a team. You can win individual races, which also help the team's total score."

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**  
"Hopefully, (I will have) a steady job in marine biology or something along those lines. Maybe working at an aquarium, wildlife conservation or even at Sea World working with the dolphins."

If not in (the field of) marine biology, I plan on working as a swim coach for my old club swim team."

**Does the team have any special drills or games that go on during practice?**  
"The week before winter break we do something called Reindeer Games."

**Reindeer Games?**  
"It's when the swimmers are divided into four teams: Comet, Donner, Cupid and Blitzen, and compete for prizes that get awarded after the week-long event. Each day at practice we'll participate in an activity or two that can earn points for the teams, such as a mock swim meet or seeing how many lengths team members can do in 30 minutes. The ultimate prize is a chance to skip a practice during winter term."

**What are some of your hobbies?**  
"Listening to music, playing guitar and making music videos."

**What's one quote you live by?**  
"It doesn't matter about the outcome of the race; the only thing that matters is that you gave it your best."

**What is one of your most memorable moments swimming?**  
"I was at a meet at York very recently where I swam my fastest time ever in 100 Freestyle. It was a great feeling."

**What are your two favorite swimming events?**  
"50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle."

## Football player Paul Cynewski to go pro

From Salisbury Sea Gull to Reading Express

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On December 1, it was announced that Salisbury University graduate Paul Cynewski signed with the Reading Express of the Indoor Football League.

In 2009, Cynewski was named an American Football Coaches Association first-team All-American and a first-team All-Atlantic Central Football Conference member. While playing for the Sea Gulls, the Moorestown, N.J., native appeared in 39 games, tallied 136 total tackles, recorded 89 solo tackles, and finished his SU career with 20.5 career sacks. Cynewski was on head coach Sherman Wood's team for three years.

"What I remember most about Paul was probably most off the field. He was a tremendous person who had a great work ethic. He was always in the weight room. He

"I was excited that somebody wanted to give me an opportunity to start a career in professional football..."

Paul Cynewski  
SU Football Alum

was doing the extra all the time," Wood said. "If we had a plan that we set for him, he would go far and beyond that plan. I think that's what separated him from the average



Photo courtesy of Salisbury University Sports Information

Paul Cynewski

athlete and that's why he was an All-American."

Cynewski impressed the coaches and will be playing either defensive end or linebacker for the Reading Express.

"I met the coaches at a tryout for the Philadelphia Soul, which is a higher level arena team. They liked the way I played and asked if I would try out for their team in a couple of weeks," Cynewski said. "Sure enough, when I went to their tryout they were impressed with me and offered me a contract."

The All-American will also have the chance to take on his former Sea Gull teammate, defensive back Brandon Hudson. Hudson will play against Cynewski for the Green Bay Blizzard on April 15 and May 21.

"Sometimes it's a childhood dream to play at the next level and usually when you play for a Division III program, those chances are pretty slim," Wood said. "Anytime any of our guys get that opportunity, I'm extremely happy for them."

The Reading Express, formerly of the American Indoor Football Association, are set to begin their inaugural season on February 26 against the Lehigh Valley Steelhawks. For more information about the Express look on [expressindoorfootball.com](http://expressindoorfootball.com).

"I was excited that somebody wanted to give me an opportunity to start a career in professional football," Cynewski said. "I'm determined to do well enough this season to play in a bigger and better league."

## Softball has 'new faces and some positive changes'

Team gears up for next season

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The Salisbury University softball team has a reputation of excellence to live up to as it enters the 2011 season this February.

The Sea Gulls had 34 consecutive wins in the 2010 season, an impressive record to add to historically successful seasons for the softball program at SU. Not focusing on last year, the Gulls are expected to be prepared and play to win the game, according to head coach Margie Knight.

"We don't look back; we look forward and try to perfect what we have."

"We don't look back; we look forward and try to perfect what we have."

Margie Knight  
Head Coach

competition, she said.

"I'm looking forward to spending a lot of time with my teammates," said shortstop Casey Zaino. "We've become extremely close since last year and I think that will definitely benefit us on the field."

"Our pitching is important to our success; we have girls that can make the ball dance to the plate to really throw off the hitter," Knight said.

The Sea Gulls have won the Capital Athletic Conference Championship for the past 14 years and hope this year brings their 15th straight win. With championship win No. 15, the Gulls would receive an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

"We ended up being ranked ninth in the country last year and we're looking to improve that number to first in the 2011 season," Zaino said.

The road to get to the championship will not be an easy one, however, Knight said.

"There are no weak teams on the schedule; all of our conference opponents are tough," she said.

Zaino said that Christopher Newport University and Louisiana College are two games to look forward to. "CNU is one of our

"We ended up being ranked ninth in the country last year and we're looking to improve that number to first in the 2011 season."

Casey Zaino  
Shortstop

biggest rivals and Louisiana College is a very tough competitor who was ranked above us in a national poll," she said.

Getting back onto the field, learning new techniques and just playing the game is what Coach Knight is looking forward to the most.

"There are some new faces and some positive changes out there," Knight said.

The season begins at Methodist University for the Early Bird Invitational on Feb. 25. The Gulls will be back in North Salisbury hosting the Sea Gull Classic at the Henry S. Parker Complex on Mar. 11 and 12. The first home game at Salisbury University is Mar. 13 against Frostburg.



# Salisbury lacrosse teams hope to continue dynasty

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Winter on the Eastern Shore can be a miserable time of the year, keeping residents stuck in a perpetual limbo of sleet, rain, and frigid winds blowing in from the ocean. This time of year keeps everyone inside, but one thing to look forward to is Salisbury University's spring athletics season.

Salisbury is home to two of the country's top lacrosse dynasties. The women's lacrosse team is coming off of their first national championship, and the men's lacrosse team has eight titles of its own, although it lost in the national championship last year. So as the preseason begins, the question remains if these two lacrosse juggernauts can follow such impressive seasons as last year.

The women's team, coached by Jim Nestor, is looking to have the same success this year as they did last year. Ranked pre-season

No. 2 and with only six seniors lost after last season, the Lady Gulls are looking to lean on experience this year. Key returning players include Liz Filgueras, Allie Wheatley, and Aileen McCausland running the mid-field. Trish DiGirolomo and Meagan Osipowich hold down the fort at attack.

While two seniors on defense have left, the lady keeping goal remains the same. Senior goalkeeper Julie Ann Caulfield will be key to this team's success.

Caulfield, a firecracker on and off the field, is confident about this year's squad. "We go hard, back to back is what we expect," Caulfield said.

The men's lacrosse team is and has been a dominant force for the better half of 20 years, and this year's team proves to be nothing short of that. Head Coach Jim Berkman's team has everything it needs to be great this year. Whether it is key transfers like Parker Dickerson, or fallen soldiers making heroic comebacks like Eric Krum, these Gulls

have it all. This year, the Sea Gulls will heavily rely on Johnny Rodriguez and Sam Bradman, who can each claim honors. Both were selected to be pre-season All-Americans. Rodriguez was selected as pre-season goalie of the year and Bradman was selected as pre-season midfielder of the year.

"The key to success this year is pushing each other and making your teammates better," said assistant coach and former player Connor Burgasser.

The unsung heroes this year will be captains Nick Mooney and Colin Tokosch playing defense. The pair are returning starters and give experience and leadership to the team.

"Our goal is to win a national championship; anything else is a letdown," Mooney said.

After every huddle the team breaks it down by chanting "M&T." This is the site of the national championship, and is a constant reminder of where they want to be.

## Drop Everything And Read



Lura Herriman photo

Robert Forrester and Adam Heisman promote SU's new Book Club at the winter Student Activities Fair on Jan. 26.

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#### Track and Field

On Jan. 29, the Salisbury University track and field team competed in the Thomson Invitational for their first meet of the year. The team competed at the University of Delaware among Division II and Division III athletes. The women finished in ninth while the men finished seventh.

Sophomore Chelsea Tavik led her team when she sealed the win in the women's shot-put. Her distance of 44' 1.5" broke her own school record.

A pair of Gulls won the women's shot-put and junior Jennifer Houghton took second with a dis-

stance of 39' 1.25".

Sophomore Anna Steinman and junior Emily Powell took top-three finishes in the 3,000-meter run. Freshman Kara Tolson placed third in the 200-meter dash.

For the men, junior Jay Drenner had a top distance of 48' 8.75" in the weight throw. Senior Matt Miller finished second in the 800-meter run with a final time of 2:02.85. Sophomore Corey Blain (high jump) and Jeffrey Carrion (1,000-meter run) sealed third place.

#### Men's Basketball

The Salisbury University men's bas-

ketball team (7-11, 2-7 CAC) fell to Wesley College 69-67 on Jan. 29.

Senior center Chris McGrew and junior forward Mike Maczko each scored 19 points in the contest.

Salisbury was behind 33-27 at halftime, but that did not stop the Sea Gulls. SU had a 16-4 scoring run, seven points being from Maczko.

The Gulls jumped ahead 53-52 with 9:56 left on the clock. The score was tied six times in the final 10 minutes and the lead changed more than three times.

In the last 44 seconds, Maczko sank a jump shot, returning the lead to SU. Wesley shot both of their free-throws

in the last 30 seconds giving the Wolverines a 69-67 victory.

Maczko also had three steals while McGrew grabbed 10 rebounds. Junior guard Devin Posey had nine points and six steals.

#### Women's Basketball

The Salisbury University women's basketball team (7-11, 4-5 CAC) fell to Wesley College 71-59 on Jan. 29.

During the first half, both teams took turns holding the lead. SU held a five-point advantage twice during the first 14 minutes, but Wesley came back each time. In the last six min-

utes, the Wolverines went on a 10-2 scoring run, taking a 38-28 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Katie McGahan shot a jump shot from an assist by senior guard Chante' McKinney reducing the Wolverines' lead 58-53. Wesley outscored the Gulls 13-6 for the remainder of the game.

McKinney scored a team-high 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Junior guard Milan Dry and sophomore forward Nicole Sisco each had 12 points and eight rebounds. Sisco also tallied five blocks.



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